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Poly drenched by heavy showers



Natural resources senior Alex Hardy forges through the Brizzolara Creek overflow on the road leading out to the Rodeo Arena / Daily photo by Lisa J. Hersch

Campus road closed by overflow; SLO initiates flood watch

By Lisa J. Hersch
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly students who parked out by the Rodeo Arena on Tuesday found the road closed when heavy rains sent water rushing through Brizzolara Creek.

According to Public Safety Dispatcher Fred Mills, roads leading out to the Sheep Unit were closed by 11 a.m., and cars were forced to detour up East Creek Road, near the H-12

parking lot.

"We're just waiting for the creek to recede before we pull the barricades from the road," Mills said. "Brizzolara Creek collects run-off all the way from Poly Canyon."

Water was moving quickly and covered 10 to 12 feet of the roadway, up to about one foot at its deepest point.

The water didn't stop Alex Hardy, a natural resources senior, from forging his way through the creek on his

bicycle.

"I'm already wet," he said with a grin. "I can't get much wetter."

By 3 p.m., the flood warning for San Luis Obispo County had been downgraded to a flood watch still covering the entire county. Santa Barbara County was still under flood warning conditions.

According to Kenneth Sargeant, a meteorologist at the

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Clinton plan focuses on future, calls for bi-partisan support

By Justine Frederiksen
Daily Staff Writer

In a speech that could determine his hopes for re-election in 1996, President Bill Clinton moved overtly toward the center during his State of the Union Address Tuesday night.

Vying for support from Republicans and Democrats alike, Clinton outlined his plan called the "New Covenant," which pushes for change and focuses on the future.

Likening yesterday's government to a manual typewriter, he said today's government needs to be like a computer.

"We need to cut yesterday's government to solve tomorrow's problems," he said.

As expected, the president also proposed raising the minimum wage.

"You can't make a living on See CLINTON, page 3

Clinton's Main Points

In his State of the Union Address, President Bill Clinton:

- Clearly shifted his stance toward the center
- Called for an increase in the minimum wage
- Introduced a "Middle Class Bill of Rights"
- Pledged support for a reformation of the welfare system, but stressed compassion in doing so

Senate denies faculty referendum on calendar

By Erin Massey
Daily Staff Writer

The Academic Senate on Tuesday rejected a motion to bring back the debate on the quarter system for discussion and review by Cal Poly faculty.

The move virtually ensures Cal Poly will retain the quarter system, ending a debate that has lasted more than a year.

After heavy tension and nearly a half hour of discussion, senators defeated a motion that would require a faculty referendum on a 22-19 vote.

Supporters of the motion claimed the faculty had the right to a campus-wide vote.

"If the students get the opportunity (to voice their opinions), then so should the faculty," said political science professor Phil Fetzer. "The only way to stop this debate is to let the faculty vote."

Last spring, a student referendum showed an overwhelming 87 percent of students who voted supported the quarter system.

The Senate on Nov. 29 voted 29-18 against changing to semesters. Fetzer initiated the motion for a faculty referendum after the vote.

English professor John Hampsey addressed the Senate's reluctance to debate the referendum issue, claiming the motion was not to upset the decision of the Senate but to increase the fairness of the university system by including all involved.

Some senators have argued the Academic Senate vote was not representative of the entire faculty. But those against the referendum claim the Senate did represent the faculty when the vote was made.

On Tuesday, some senators claimed the faculty had no interest in the debate and were tired of it.

Environmental horticulture professor David Hannings argued that his department is "tired of the issue and if the motion comes to a vote, the Senate is setting itself up for embarrassment."

Opening statements heard as Simpson trial gets under way

By Michael Fleeman
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The jealous, ugly "other side" of O.J. Simpson that the public never knew killed his ex-wife because "he couldn't have her" and murdered her friend because he got in the way, a prosecutor told jurors Tuesday.

"The answer will be clear to you as well," Deputy District Attorney Christopher Darden said as opening statements got under way. "The answer to the question is yes. O.J. Simpson murdered Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman."

Prosecutor Marcia Clark, who shared the prosecution statement with Darden, said there was more than an hour on the night of the murders during which Simpson's whereabouts were not accounted-for, and said testimony would show that the defendant "was in an ugly mood, morose, depressed and clearly fixated on his wife."

Thus the trial began in earnest Tuesday in the case that has gripped the nation for seven months, since the stabbed and slashed bodies of the football hero turned actor's ex-wife and a

friend were found outside her condominium June 12.

"He killed Nicole for a single reason," Darden said. "Not because he hated her. ... He didn't kill her because he didn't love her anymore because in his mind he did."

"He killed her because he couldn't have her, and if he couldn't have her, he didn't want anyone else to," he said.

"By killing her, he committed the ultimate act of control," he said.

As for Goldman, he died because "he got in the way," Darden said.

The opening statements, originally scheduled for Monday but held up by a flurry of last-minute issues, could prove crucial. Many lawyers believe that jurors often make up their mind in the opening statements. Before they began Tuesday, Superior Court Lance Ito reminded jurors that the statements are not to be considered evidence, only a road map of the presentations to come.

The defense statement was to follow the prosecution's presentation.

Darden described Simpson as See SIMPSON, page 5

Safety officials pinpoint trends in bike thefts

By Natasha Collins
Daily Staff Writer

Carelessness is the number one reason people are losing their bikes on campus, according to Public Safety officials.

"People get in a hurry and don't take the time to secure their bikes properly," said Sergeant Steve Schroeder. "It's a crime of opportunity."

The number of bikes stolen has not necessarily risen over the past few months, but for a while there seemed to be a trend occurring.

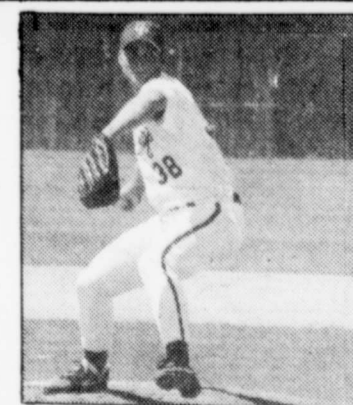
"It was as if someone was bike shopping," Schroeder said. "Expensive bikes with high resale value were being stolen."

Recently however, a variety of bikes have been stolen, not just expensive ones. This has lead authorities to believe that there is more than one person involved. "Those that are most available will be stolen," he said.

According to Cal Poly Investigator Ray Berrett, the value of stolen bikes, when added up, far exceeds that of armed

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TOP OF THE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY JAN. 25

39 school days remaining in winter quarter.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Showers likely; watch for thunderstorms

TOMORROW'S WEATHER: Partly cloudy with showers

Today's high/low: 58/46 **Tomorrow's high/low:** 59/47

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Interview Skills Workshop • Career Services, Room 224, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

Researching Employers • Career Services, Room 224, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Native American Student Organization Meeting • Multicultural Center, 5-6 p.m. — 756-4641

Native American Student Organization Panel Discussion • Trinity Residence Hall, 6 p.m. — 756-4641

Poly Reps Informational Meeting • U.U. 204, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Poly Reps Info. Meeting • U.U. 216, 11 a.m.

Nobel Prize Winner Speaks at Poly • Czeslaw Milosz, an award-winning Polish poet, will read from his poetry, Chumash Auditorium, 8 p.m.

UPCOMING

Prize-Winning Poet Discusses Politics • Jan. 27. Czeslaw Milosz will speak on "Europe at the End of the 20th Century", U.U. 220, 11 a.m.

Agenda Items: c/o Gindy Webb, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Fax: 756-6784

Brown resumes reign as speaker

By Jennifer Kerr
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Democrat Willie Brown was re-elected speaker of the California Assembly early today, ending a 50-day deadlock but beginning a likely long stretch of bitter partisan fighting.

Brown, the speaker since 1980, was elected 40-39 after a bizarre 15-hour session of caucuses, an abortive attempt to elect a maverick GOP speaker and the ouster of Republican Dick Mountjoy.

"The current process by which this speakership has been decided has been a painful one," Brown, D-San Francisco, said after he was sworn in at 1 a.m.

"This house cannot be left leaderless, cannot be left without the capability to do the job it is expected to do," he said.

But a set of rules adopted by a 40-12 vote immediately afterwards assured that the Assembly he will be leading will be a very different one. The rules shift much of the power once held by the speaker to an evenly divided Rules Committee and set the stage for political fights.

Republicans intensely opposed both Brown's election and

the rules and vowed reprisals against Democrats and the one independent who supported them. Republicans have already launched a recall against Independent Paul Horcher of Whittier and had threatened recalls against several Democrats in close races.

"Mr. Brown, the legacy that you will leave for this house, which could have been a positive, positive legacy, the legacy I'm afraid you will leave is a well that is so poisoned that it may be years before the damage is undone," said Assemblyman Ross Johnson, R-Fullerton.

Republicans thought they had wrested the speakership from Democrats when their candidates won 41 of the 80 seats in the Nov. 8 election. But Horcher shocked his colleagues by switching from Republican to Independent when the session convened on Dec. 5 and voting for Brown.

That left the Assembly deadlocked 40-40 between Brown and Republican Jim Brulte of Rancho Cucamonga.

Democrats had threatened since Dec. 5 to remove Mountjoy, R-Monrovia. He was elected both to the Assembly and in a special

Senate election, but remained in the lower house to support Brulte.

However, Brown and Brulte tentatively agreed on Jan. 4 to a power-sharing agreement that would have put control of the house in an evenly divided Rules Committee -chaired by the two leaders. That agreement put any action against Mountjoy on hold.

The two parties have been negotiating on the details of that agreement for nearly three weeks, but could not agree on the length of any pact or what to call the two leaders.

Republicans, who hope to reach 41 votes and elect a speaker this year through the recalls and special elections, wanted an agreement to last until then. Democrats wanted a two-year agreement. Democrats wanted to call the leaders "co-speakers" but Republicans did not want Brown called anything that sounds like speaker.

Some Democrats during the last two weeks also approached Assemblyman Bernie Richter, R-Chico, about becoming a compromise speaker candidate. Richter said he would not be a candidate if he had no GOP backers

FLOODING: Bulk of county's road closures are in rural areas

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National Weather Service in Santa Maria, "a flood 'warning' means flooding is already occurring or is about to occur, while a flood 'watch' means the potential for flooding exists."

Sargeant said the "satellite pictures show more rain just off the coast, so we'll probably be extending the warning."

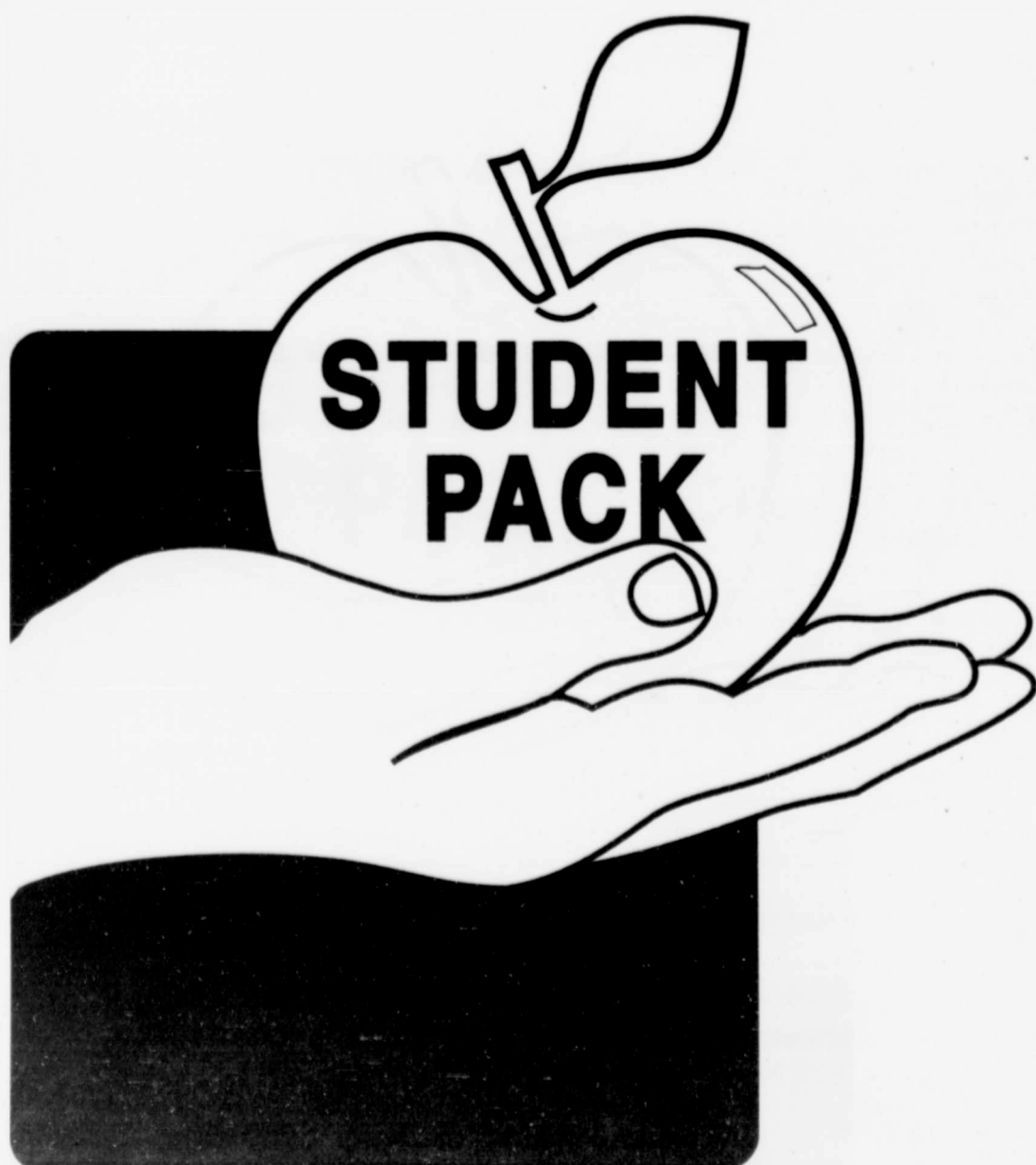
Flooding also was reported in the Tassajara Creek area burned in August during the Highway 41 fire. The highway was closed Tuesday between Atascadero and Morro Bay due to a mudslide.

Richard Marshall, an engineer with the San Luis Obispo County Engineering Department, said "at least 30 roads are closed, but most of these are

rural roads which have low water crossings and flood regularly during storms," he said. "We just expect it when it rains."

Many roads were flooded within the vicinity of San Luis Obispo, he said, including Foothill Boulevard at Los Osos Valley Road.

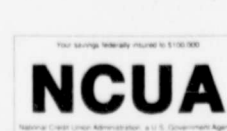
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Clinton targets U.S. assets to freeze out terrorist groups

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Striking back at terrorists, President Clinton today ordered the freezing of U.S. assets of 12 groups linked to 20 years of bloody attacks on Americans and Israelis, including the slaughter of 241 Marines and other American servicemen in 1983.

The order is expected to be followed by a broad-gauged initiative against terrorists and narcotics smugglers, including

the establishment of special courts to check on suspected terrorists on their entry to the country for quick deportation.

Outrage at the suicide slaying of 19 Israelis Sunday by an Islamic Jihad faction, based in Syria, spurred Clinton's action. Last Friday in a Harvard University speech, Secretary of State Warren Christopher presaged new laws and procedures to combat terrorism, international narcotics traffickers and immigration fraud.

Among the groups targeted

was Hezbollah, also known as the Party of God, suspected in the suicide track bombing of the U.S. Embassy and Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983 and the embassy annex in 1984.

Another was the Abu Nidal Organization, which the State Department accuses of carrying out more than 90 terrorist attacks in 10 countries since 1974, killing or injuring some 900 people. Major attacks included those on the Vienna and Rome airports in 1985.

CLINTON: President promises to protect poor

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\$4.25 an hour," he said.

Clinton also outlined what he called his "Middle Class Bill of Rights." The plan has four main provisions, including two new tax breaks.

Specifically, Clinton proposed tax write-offs for all training and education after high school, and a \$500 income tax cut for families with children ages 13 and under.

He also promised free withdrawals from IRA accounts for emergency medical care and education expenses and passage of a G.I. Bill for American workers that will offer \$2,600 a year for college.

Promising protection for Social Security benefits, he stressed that his budget cuts will provide

all the money needed for his plan and will not cut into Medicare.

Clinton assured the American people that the lesson of the 1994 Republican landslide was not lost on him.

"I have made my mistakes, and I have learned my lesson about the importance of humility," he said.

But he also implied he is ready to take control and will not let a Republican-controlled Congress intimidate him.

He stressed the importance of welfare reform but called for compassion in the process.

"We shouldn't punish poor children for the mistakes of their parents," he said.

The Republican response was not available at press time.

THEFTS: Public Safety offers bike security tips

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robberies in the county.

It has been Berrett's experience that most thieves steal bikes in order to support a drug habit.

"They'll either sell the parts for money or give the bikes directly to their dealers," Berrett said.

There are a few suggestions, according to authorities, that can help prevent bikes from being stolen. First, students should not lock their bikes with a bike-cable or Master Lock.

"These can easily be cut with bolt cutters concealed under a jacket or in a backpack," Schroeder said.

Berrett stressed that "cables are absolutely worthless. Ninety-percent of the bikes stolen this year were secured with cables."

Authorities recommend that a U-bar be used instead to secure the bike.

"Very few bikes, if locked properly, have been stolen with U-bars attached," Berrett said.

Authorities also suggest that bikers secure the lock to the frame, as well as the wheels.

"Whatever is attached is what you'll be left with," Schroeder said. "Some people even remove the front tire and lock up the rear wheel and the frame."

Berrett recommends locking both tires to the frame because thieves will find a bike with the front tire secured, steal it and find another tire to ride away with.

Berrett would also like to remind students to secure their bikes to something solid.

"The temporary plastic fencing is not adequate," Berrett said. "Someone will just cut the plastic and ride away with the bike."

It is also recommended that students do not leave their bike in the same area for an extended period of time. "If it's left somewhere, say behind the residence halls, for too long, someone will take it," Schroeder said. "Thieves can walk by it several times and take it at their own convenience."

"Cables are absolutely worthless. Ninety-percent of the bikes stolen this year were secured with cables."

Ray Berrett
Public Safety Investigator

The areas most often targeted by thieves are Via Carta and the area surrounding the Mustang statue. Most thefts occur between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., Berrett said.

"Bikes left out on the weekends are almost guaranteed to be stolen or stripped," Berrett said. "Many times if the bike is not gone, all the expensive parts (shocks, brakes and seats) will be missing. I've seen bikes left with only the frame."

"Nothing is fail-safe," Schroeder said. "If someone wants your bike they'll get it. But if you take a little extra time and care, you can make it more difficult for thieves to take, and possibly deter them."

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THE NORTH FORTY

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Support agriculture — grow pizza

Ever wondered where our pizza comes from? Round Table? Woodstock's? Upper Crust Gourmet? Probably not. We all take pizza for a fast, fun, good-to-eat-with-friends kind of food.

In reality, pizza is another food that we should thank a farmer for.

The Pizza Farm, created by Darren Schmall, a Madera County farmer, is a working farm which produces the ingredients to produce a piping-hot pizza. As children in Madera County tour this one and one-half acre farm, they see the live animals and crops that go into a pizza.

The livestock includes: hogs for pepperoni, cattle for hamburger and cheese, and chickens and turkey for the toppings. Crops include: tomatoes and sugar beets for sauce; peppers, mushrooms, onions and olives for toppings; corn and wheat for crust; and garlic and basil for spices.

Nearly 10,000 children from throughout the San Joaquin Valley toured the Pizza Farm in 1994. The Pizza Farm is an example of farmers promoting agriculture. More of this needs to be done in San Luis Obispo County so that the non-agriculture related public can have an idea where their food comes from.

Efforts like Schmall's will increase awareness and importance of agriculture in every way, shape and form. We can no longer rely on the Farm Bureau or other organizations to promote messages of agriculture to future generations. A program like the Pizza Farm is focused on educating the students to appreciate agriculture.

Imagine if all the farmers in San Luis Obispo County thought of some way to incorporate their specialty of crops or livestock into the lives of others.

For teachers who can't visit the Pizza Farm, classroom materials have been created. The California state-approved program is completely integrated for Kindergarten through eighth grade teachers and provides examples of dozens of hands-on projects for the classroom.

Students' activity books tell the story of agriculture through the use of cartoons, puzzles and games. This material is being used all across the country.

Young students are the future generation, and with efforts like Schmall's, we can make everyone work together to preserve our precious farmlands and water reserves in California.

Imagine what programs like this can do for students — not only Kindergarten through eighth grade — but for high school and college-age students. Agriculture needs to be heard, no matter where it is happening, because eventually it will affect us.

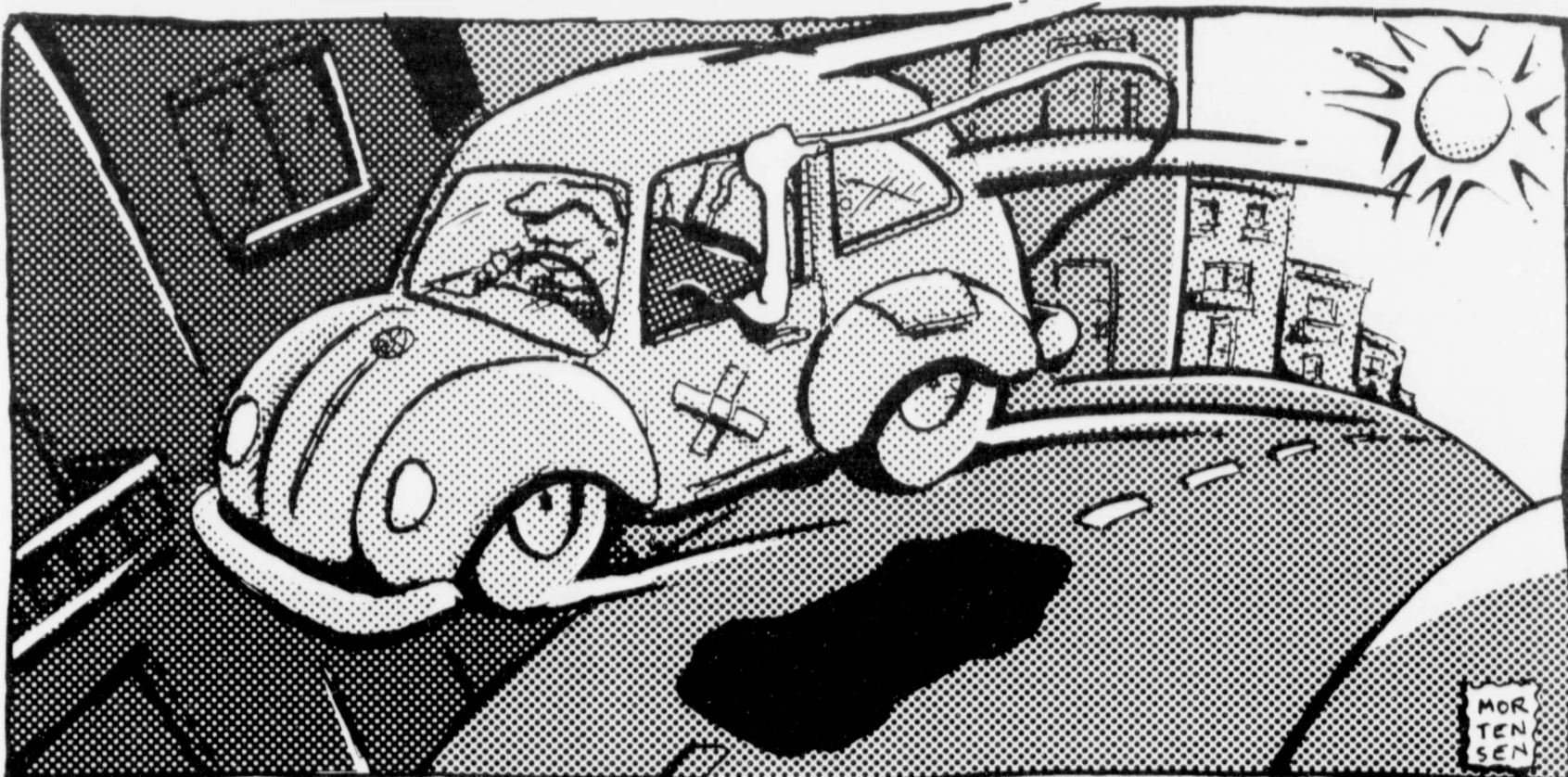
The Pizza Farm hopes to educate children and adults about the importance of agriculture, to replicate farms in other locations, to distribute educational materials and to relate to consumers in a language they understand.

Lisa Vargas is an Agribusiness sophomore. The North Forty column appears every other Wednesday.

CLARIFICATION

An article in the Friday, Jan. 20 Mustang Daily listed a new location for SLO Transit's Route 1 bus stop. The exact location of that stop is on University Drive at the Perimeter Road intersection.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK



Two shoelaces, a Bug and a lot of creativity

By Garrett M. Mettler

I remember being frustrated because I'd forgotten to buy mushrooms for the beef stroganoff. There was no way I could have known that I should be thankful for such a minor inconvenience.

I drove most of the way to the store faster than I should have, berating myself for the hundredth time for failing to think ahead. Then, just two tantalizing blocks away from the market, it happened.

The accelerator pedal surrendered to my right foot and hit the floor.

But it wasn't the exciting kind of "hit the floor" where I began to accelerate out of control and had to start honking furiously at the cars ahead of me. Instead, it was a rather dull "hit the floor," where all acceleration ceased, forcing me to guide my disabled 1973 Volkswagon Bug to the side of the road.

I remained calm. The accelerator cable had probably disconnected from the gas pedal. It had happened before and was a 30-second job to fix.

I reached down past the gas pedal to grab the slack end of the cable. I found it, but in a condition that greatly surprised me. It was only an inch long.

Upon closer examination I saw that one end was frayed where it had been severed from the main cable.

I was no longer calm.

"How am I going to get the car home now?" I thought. "Is there anything I can do to fix this?" And, of course, "What about the mushrooms?"

I made a few attempts to crimp a coat hanger to the remaining length of cable. But, my efforts were futile. I grudgingly admitted defeat and called home for my uncle to come pick me up.

On my way back to the car I tried desperately to think of another way to reconnect the throttle. If there was any possible solution, I would not going to let this problem beat me.

My face brightened considerably about halfway back when I realized that I didn't need the cable at all. I could bypass it entirely with the idea I had.

I excitedly searched behind my back seat for the solution to my dilemma — my soccer shoes.

I took out each lace and tied them together. This ten-foot-long shoelace would going to be the new accelerator "cable."

Since the path of the original cable was blocked with its remnant, I decided to run the shoelace around the outside of the car.

I lifted the engine hood in the back of the car and tied

one end of the extended shoelace to the spring-loaded hammer that opens the throttle. I then took the shoelace around the left side of the car, opened the door, rolled down the window, and got in.

This was my plan: I would drive the car home by pulling on a shoelace that ran the length of the car ending up tied to the throttle hammer in the back.

The moment of truth, I thought, had come. I pulled firmly on the lace, but it did not move.

I was devastated because I immediately realized my oversight. The shoelace was pulling sideways on the hammer instead of along its axis of movement, which was straight back.

There had to be something I could think of to prove that my two years spent as a mechanical engineering major were not in vain!

After a moment's consideration I had a solution. The shoelace would pull back on the hammer if I ran it once around the bumper, and then up the side of the car.

I quickly got back into the driver's seat and pulled the lace. It moved!

Next came the real test. I turned the key in the ignition while pulling the shoelace and...the engine responded!

I shifted into first gear and slowly let out the clutch while pulling on the shoelace. The car moved slowly forward then began to pick up speed!

As I shifted through the gears I yelled triumphantly several times; the kind of yells only possible in the confines of one's personal car or deep in the wilderness. My shoelace worked! It was like something you'd see in an episode of MacGuyver.

My uncle passed me about halfway back to the house. I waved as best I could while keeping a firm grasp on the shoelace and he followed me home.

The next day I borrowed a car, drove to an auto parts store and purchased a new accelerator cable. I installed the new cable that afternoon.

And here's the best part: my shoelaces emerged unscathed from the incident and are still in use today.

When I reflect back on that experience, I marvel at how the urgency of my need motivated me to think of a way to overcome it — proof that if the necessity of a situation is great enough, human ingenuity can overcome nearly anything.

Garrett M. Mettler is a journalism junior who really likes strawberry cream cheese.

LETTERS

New technology is progress

re: "Technology as a false prophet," Jan. 19

Like Mr. Ireland, my first computer was a Commodore 64. I, too, played many video games and wrote a few programs. I was entranced. I saw a world of possibilities. It was not my friends or television that said I needed a computer to survive; I saw for myself how the computer needed me, as a canvas needs a painter.

So I listened to Mr. Ireland's "false prophet of technology" and found it to speak truth. This "false prophet" gave me many powers that my ancestors never even dreamed of — including the ability to keep in touch with friends many states away at no cost.

There has always been a need for communication. We did not "invent" this need because the technology was available." We simply replaced those who ran miles on foot carrying folded tree bark with large amounts of cable. This is one of many positive effects of progress.

My friend's father recently became a telecommuter, so now he can eat lunch with his family and leave his car in

his garage. Would a hunter-gatherer prefer this less physically demanding 40-hour life-style? I don't know. It probably depends on which one you ask.

I will agree with Mr. Ireland that not all progress is intelligently planned. Is everything one does or says intelligently planned? No. We're human and bound to screw up along the road. Instead of regarding technology as evil and abandoning all progress, one should work to make sure the good are not corrupted.

I still wonder: Would Mr. Ireland have been able to communicate his ideas to such a large audience without industrialization, without the automobile, or without the PC that he probably used to type his article for Mustang Daily? How can one use a computer to write how that machine, a result of technology, is "a burden that is useless on the human scale?"

Tyron Gavin
Computer science freshman

SIMPSON: Judge allows jurors to see scars

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"an extremely controlling, possessive man" who dominated Nicole Brown Simpson in a variety of ways since they met when she was still a teenager. He controlled her spending and called her "a pig" when she was pregnant, Darden said.

"By hurling these insults, he stripped her of her self-esteem," he said, regularly referring to Ms. Simpson by her maiden name.

Earlier Tuesday, Ito turned down Simpson's request to address the jury directly during his side's opening statements but said he could show jurors scars on his knees.

Ito made the ruling with little comment, after prosecutor Mar-

cia Clark denounced the defense's proposal as "a blatant attempt to impress the jury with his charisma and star appeal."

Ito also disallowed some wording on a couple of defense charts prepared for the opening statement, saying "some of these quotes are taken out of context."

Simpson made the unusual but not unprecedented request Monday, asking Ito to let him be a walking, talking court exhibit to go with his lawyers' photo blowups and charts during their statements.

Defense attorney Gerald Uelmen had told Ito that Simpson simply wanted to introduce himself and his lawyers and "simply reiterate his plea of not guilty."

Air from another jet hit fatal USAir flight

By Jeffrey Bair
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — As experts testified about rudders and cables at a hearing today, relatives of people who died in the crash of USAir Flight 427 pleaded for officials to remember their needs.

About 10 members of the Flight 427 Air Disaster Support League, a group formed after the Sept. 8 accident, said at a news conference that they want the National Transportation Safety Board or the Federal Aviation Administration to appoint a family representative to act as a liaison between relatives, airlines and agencies following crashes.

"It's an attempt to give purpose and meaning to the death of a loved one," said Janine Katonah, whose husband, Joel Thompson, died in the crash.

A few relatives said a USAir telephone number they were given to call on the night of the crash was busy for hours. They said they didn't receive confirmation that family members were on the flight until about 3 a.m., eight hours after the accident that killed all 132 people aboard near Pittsburgh International

Airport.

They also complained that they weren't given access to their relatives' belongings and weren't told how much unidentified remains were buried in a cemetery near the crash site. A family advocate would help survivors obtain vital information early, they said.

Katonah said the relatives had spoken to NTSB chairman James Hall about their request and that he said he would consider it.

The NTSB began hearings Monday on the possible cause of the crash.

As the hearing resumed this morning, David Rusho, a Boeing Commercial Airplane Group system specialist, testified there was no evidence that the plane's rudder cables were faulty.

The rudder has been a focus of the investigation for months. USAir has warned pilots of its Boeing 737 planes to watch out for spontaneous rudder movements during flight.

The first day of the hearing included release of a dramatic transcript of the cockpit voice recording and testimony about 4-foot-wide rotating columns of air near Flight 427. Jets leave

two columns of spiraling air or vortices behind them as they fly; the ones near Flight 427 were created by a Delta jet that was in the area.

Researchers found that the Delta flight's vortices would have contacted Flight 427 at around the time the plane began to fall, said James Kerrigan, a senior aerodynamics engineer at Seattle-based Boeing.

Both Kerrigan and a veteran pilot discounted the vortices' role in the crash, saying pilots routinely handle such turbulence.

"By no means did it roll the plane over. It was some catastrophic event that did it," said Tom Kreamer, a senior executive with the Air Line Pilots Association and a USAir pilot.

The safety board on Monday released hundreds of documents, including a 23-page transcript of cockpit noises in the plane's last half hour. A record of pilots' conversation with air-traffic controllers was released last month.

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Clinton freezes assets of suspected terrorist groups

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Striking back at terrorists, President Clinton today ordered the freezing of U.S. assets belonging to 12 groups linked to years of bloody attacks on Americans and Israelis, including the slaughter of 241 Marines and other American servicemen in 1983.

The order is expected to be followed by a broad-gauged initiative against terrorists and narcotics smugglers, including the establishment of special courts to check on suspected terrorists on their entry to the country for quick deportation.

Outrage at the suicide slaying of 19 Israelis Sunday by an Islamic Jihad faction, based in Syria, spurred Clinton's action. Clinton's directive, which takes effect immediately, also seeks to prevent suspected terrorists and their organizations from getting charitable donations from U.S. sources.

Among the groups targeted was Hezbollah, also known as

the Party of God, suspected in the suicide track bombing of the U.S. Embassy and Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983 and the embassy annex in 1984.

Hezbollah, which is closely allied with Iran and is determined to remove non-Islamic influences in the Middle East, is suspected also in the bombing of the Israeli cultural center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, last July. Nearly 100 people were killed.

Another was the Abu Nidal Organization, which the State Department accuses of carrying out more than 90 terrorist attacks in 10 countries since 1974, killing or injuring some 900 people. Major attacks included those on the Vienna and Rome airports in 1985.

The order also included two Jewish groups, Kach and Kahane Chai, with followers of the late extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane suspected of attacks on Palestinians.

Clinton's directive took effect at midnight.

Orange County manager fired

By E. Scott Reckard
Associated Press

SANTA ANA — Orange County supervisors fired Ernie Schneider as administrative officer and began a national search for a new executive to oversee a cost-cutting overhaul of the bankruptcy-stricken county.

The action Monday follows the discovery late last week that \$85 million or more due investors in the county investment pools had been diverted into internal funds, one of which Schneider helped establish for a rainy day.

Schneider, who agreed to step down, will take two weeks' vacation and then be given a yet-undetermined county job, said Board of Supervisors Chairman Gaddi H. Vasquez. Schneider's reassignment was unrelated to the discovery of the diverted funds, he said.

Tom Uram, director of the county health-care agency, will act as chief administrative officer until someone is found who will be delegated broad powers to remake the county budget, which faces huge budget deficits.

"The board's decision was based on its conclusion that the county needs to proceed in a new

direction in order to develop and implement the restructuring strategies to solve the county's current financial crisis," Vasquez said.

Schneider had been the county's top administrator since 1989. His \$140,940 salary made him one of the highest-paid government workers in California.

Dave Kiff, a spokesman for Supervisor Marian Bergeson, said it was likely that someone with experience in both private business and municipal finance would be brought in as a temporary county executive to make the unpopular decisions including additional layoffs.

Schneider said he was a scapegoat in the investment fund debacle and blamed former Treasurer Robert Citron for everything.

"I trusted him," Schneider said. "I believed Bob and took Bob at his word. ... I'm not a finance person."

"If this is the way it has to end, so be it," Schneider said with a shrug. "Whatever happens, happens."

The county uncertainty fund was established in August 1993, a time when Citron's risky in-

vestments were paying off handsomely.

In addition to the \$85 million in diverted interest payments that was found in the fund late Friday, up to \$15 million more may also have been diverted, and another \$2.7 million was found in a secret internal fund.

Assistant County Treasurer Matthew Raabe has been suspended after refusing to answer questions about how the money was diverted.

Schneider said that during a discussion with top county officials after the county's bankruptcy filing Dec. 6, the subject of the fund's \$143 million arose. He said Raabe warned that not all the \$143 million could be tapped because of "accounting irregularities."

County officials said it appears none of the diverted interest was spent and pool participants will be credited with the correct interest.

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Rocketdyne fined by OSHA for 1994 deadly blast

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — State safety authorities have fined Rockwell International's Rocketdyne Division \$200,000 for violations leading to a July 26 explosion that killed two prominent engineers.

The blast last summer at a rocket engine test site near here touched off a 15-acre brush fire. Killed were Otto K. Heiney, 53, and Larry A. Pugh, 51, who had been preparing chemicals at an isolated site in the Santa Susana

Mountains. A third man was injured.

"Although it is impossible to make a definite determination of the specific cause of the explosion, our investigators concluded that certain mandated precautions were not taken, which could have contributed to the accident," said Jon Howard, chief of the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health.

Rocketdyne spokeswoman Janet McClintock said Monday the company hadn't seen the report, which was issued Friday.

The company has 15 days to appeal.

The four violations carried penalties of \$50,000 each.

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BASEBALL: New coach takes over a program that has been hard hit with NCAA sanctions for past rule violations

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bringing us together like a family and the team is really close," he said.

But Price's most difficult challenge may not be the Division I transition, it may lie in taking over a program which has been hit hard with sanctions from the NCAA for rule violations committed by former baseball coach Steve Macfarland.

The latest penalty came last week when Cal Poly was forced to forfeit its 1989 Division II baseball championship. Although none of the players remain from that championship team, the loss of its only championship was a damaging blow to a developing

baseball tradition at Cal Poly.

It's a tradition which had once included a second-place finish in 1993 and a third-place finish in 1992 in Division II — both of which Cal Poly was also forced to give up as part of its sanctions.

Price won't exactly be able to start out with a clean slate. While those penalties tarnish the past for Mustangs baseball, there are others which will effect their future. Cal Poly is barred from postseason play this season as well as prohibited from off-campus recruiting and paid recruiting visits.

But Coach Price remains undaunted.

"This program is like a family

and the penalties are just something that happened to our family," he said. "We can put that chapter behind us. We know that officially at the end of this season, all those penalties will be removed from the program, and will no longer be hanging over our heads."

One advantage Price does have is that few of the present players played under McFarland, who last coached in the 1992-93 season.

"You can't take away what happened on the field those years, no matter what happened off the field," Vance said.

Other players expected to be major contributors this season

include: sophomore outfielder Jon Macalutas, sophomore catcher Matt Priess, and sophomore first baseman Boyd Dodder.

The Mustangs have a host of new pitchers who are expected to have an impact in their first season with the Mustangs. They include juniors Kevin Greene, Matt Atterberry, and Tony Coscia.

Although Cal Poly has the personnel, they may not be playing at full level in this weekend's series. They have been hurt by a lack of practice time.

The torrential rain storms have been a major setback for the team, forcing Price to move

practices indoors. Until last week, the team was conducting 6 a.m. practices in Mott Gym.

"(The rain) has definitely hurt us offensively," Price said. "Without being able to get the necessary repetitions and inter-squad games in, we are not really where we want to be. Our only saving grace is that everyone in the state is in the same boat. Nobody's getting outside."

San Luis Obispo Stadium, is presently in an underwater-state, and no one is sure when it will be in proper playing condition. Price is said he hopes that Sinsheimer will be dry enough to play on for the next home game against Cal Lutheran on Feb. 2.

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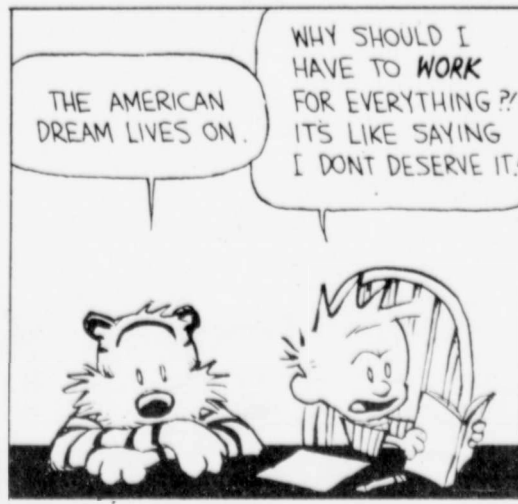
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Baseball team tries to leave past travails behind as it makes its pitch in Division I

By Anihony Pedrotti
Special to the Daily

With new uniforms and a new skipper at the helm, the Cal Poly baseball team will unveil its highly-awaited Division I team Friday in of all places, Paso Robles.

In what was once associated with a proud tradition, Cal Poly baseball will try to write a new chapter in their history as they attempt to forget what has become a bittersweet past.

When the Mustangs step on the field Friday, they will embark on a future that has the potential to lure excitement and success to the basepaths. But like most new Division I teams, the Mustangs are sure to have their share of disappointments and frustrations.

Cal Poly will make its debut as a Western Athletic Conference member against Nevada-Reno at Paso Robles High School — a temporary home for Cal Poly. Their permanent field, Sinsheimer Park, is currently recuperating from the heavy rains that have saturated the Central Coast in the past few weeks.

The entire three-game series has been moved to Paso Robles because it has received considerably less rain than San Luis Obispo this month.

Opening against Nevada-Reno is somewhat of a preview for the Mustangs who will join the Wolfpack and 10 other teams when they enter the Big West in 1996. But until then, they will have a brief two-year stint in the WAC, the second-biggest conference in the West.

While other WAC teams will be looking over the shoulder with a curious eye to see how their newest family member will be performing, Cal Poly players will be focusing their attention on raising their level of play to compete with higher-caliber teams.

And leading them into this transition will be first-year head coach, Ritch Price.

Price comes from Northern California where he was the former De Anza College baseball coach and athletics director. Friday, will mark Price's his own

debut as head coach for a Division I baseball team.

Price, the most successful baseball coach in De Anza College history, is making sure his young team isn't taking any easy route their first year. The Mustangs will embark on a 56-game schedule which will include Pac-6 teams Washington and USC, and future Big West foes San Jose State and Cal State Fullerton.

"We wanted to play a top notch Division I schedule," Price said. "We did not want to be Division I in name and continue to play half of our games against Division II teams. There are some perennial baseball powers on our schedule."

Ranked the eighth toughest conference in the nation in collegiate baseball, the WAC will prove to be challenging stomping grounds for the Mustangs. The 12-team WAC conference is broken geographically into two six-team divisions — East and West — with Cal Poly falling in the West.

Other members in the division include San Diego State, Cal State Northridge, Hawaii, Sacramento State and Fresno State. They will face off with each team six times — three at home, three away.

While the players will be Division I rookies, many of them are returning veterans including some of the pitching staff.

The starting pitching rotation includes the experience and leadership of four returning seniors. Three returning starters, Shannon Stephens, R.J. Simone and Dennis Miller will be joined by Rob Croxall who moves from a relief role to a starter.

But the rest of the team is relatively young. Shortstop Marc Townes, right fielder Bret Mueller, and left fielder Dave Peruzzaro are the only senior starters. They will be leading a team that looks to be the youngest in the conference.

However, the team is working well together with their new coaching staff. Sophomore catcher Jason Vance said the team is really coming together.

"Coach Price has focused on

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Senior pitcher R.J. Simone (top), 10-3 last year, and sophomore John Macalutas, who batted .347 in 1994, are among the team leaders who are returning for Cal Poly's first Division I season / Daily file photos

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1995 Outlook:

The Mustangs enter their first season as a Division I competitor with a 56-game schedule as a member of the WAC.

Ritch Price:

"There are some perennial baseball powers on our schedule."

Miami chooses new head coach at the expense of Cowboys

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Although he doesn't exactly fit the job description, Butch Davis is the new coach of the Miami Hurricanes.

The Dallas Cowboys' defensive coordinator arrived Monday in Miami, and a news conference was planned for Tuesday to announce his hiring, according to a university source who asked not to be identified.

When Miami officials began their search two weeks ago for Dennis Erickson's replacement, athletic director Paul Dee expressed reservations about candidates with no head-coaching experience. Davis falls into that category.

But several college head coaches reportedly declined invitations to interview for the job. Two others — Colorado State's Sonny Lubick and Jim Tressel of Youngstown State — withdrew

from consideration after being interviewed.

Davis, 43, does have experience as an assistant coach for the Hurricanes. He was Miami's defensive line coach under head coach Jimmy Johnson from 1984 to 1988, then followed Johnson to the Cowboys in 1989.

Davis became Dallas' defensive coordinator prior to last season, after Dave Wannstedt departed to become the Chicago Bears' head coach.

"I knew Butch when he was here before," said Ron Stone, a member of the university board of trustees who participated in the search for a coach. "He was an outstanding communicator, a fine recruiter of student-athletes and active among the booster organizations. His credentials as a coach speak for themselves now, after having gone to the Dallas Cowboys, winning two Super Bowls and coaching a team that

led the NFL in defense."

Because recruiting season is at its peak, Miami officials were anxious to conclude the search that began when Erickson departed for the Seattle Seahawks.

Upon arriving in Miami, Davis declined to confirm that he had taken the job.

"I'm one of the finalists for the deal," he said. "It's very attractive, very much so."

Davis' salary of \$110,000 this season with the Cowboys was lowest among NFL coordinators. He accepted a 5-year contract with Miami that will guarantee him almost \$700,000 a year, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

The deal includes a \$1 million end-of-contract bonus and an additional year of guaranteed salary for every year the Hurricanes might spend on NCAA probation, the newspaper said.

Davis expressed reservations

about accepting the job because of the possibility of sanctions against the school. An NCAA investigation of a financial aide scandal and play-for-pay scheme at Miami are possible in the coming months.

Davis also was a candidate to become head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders. In his only season as the Cowboys' defensive coordinator, they led the NFL in total defense this season.

Miami Dolphins offensive coach Gary Stevens withdrew his name from consideration Monday. Stevens, the first candidate interviewed and a former Hurricanes assistant, remains a candidate for head coaching jobs with the Denver Broncos and Philadelphia Eagles.

"I have been coaching in pro football for the last six years, and I feel at this point in my career that I would feel most comfortable remaining in the NFL either as a head coach or as the Dol-

phins' offensive coordinator," Stevens said in a statement.

Stevens was passed over by Miami six years ago when the school picked Erickson to become head coach. Both he and Davis received strong backing from alumni, boosters and both current and former Hurricanes players.

Miami officials interviewed Davis on Saturday in Dallas, then in a conference call Sunday.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has already informed Jim Eddy that he'll be elevated from linebackers coach to Davis' successor as defensive coordinator, the Star-Telegram said.

First-year assistant Mike Zimmer is expected to join Davis in Miami, possibly as the defensive coordinator, the newspaper said.

Davis is the third assistant in as many years to leave Dallas for a head coaching job.